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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, MORG, HO

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF GENERAL LOPEZ

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1609

1. SITUATION IN TEGUCIGALPA REMAINS CALM AND BUSINESS AND ROUTINE ACTIVITIES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT NORMALLY. THE ARMED FORCES ARE CARRYING OUT NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. PUBLIC REACTION SO FAR HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY MATTER-OF-FACT ACCEPTANCE OF LOPEZ' REMOVAL. AS YET, THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO THE MOVE AND SEVERAL WELL KNOWN HONDURANS HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE STEP SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN WHEN THE UB SCANDAL WAS PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS.

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2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND GOH SECURITY FORCES HAVE AGREED UPON A COMPROMISE BY WHICH THE STUDENTS CAN HAVE THEIR SCHEDULED MEETING TODAY, APRIL 22, BUT THAT THEY WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM MOVING THEIR DEMONSTRATION TO ANY OTHER SITE FROM A DOWNTOWN PARK.

3. A RADIO REPORT HEARD HERE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA HAS STATED THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT A BREAK.

4. EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE SAID THAT LOPEZ REMAINS AT HOME.

5. MANY POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS HAVE WELCOMED THE REMOVAL OF GENERAL LOPEZ AND THE INITIATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESENT CHANGE WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A RETURN TO FREE ELECTIONS. THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHER GROUPS ARE PRESENTLY MEETING TO FORMULATE THEIR PUBLIC ATTITUDES CONCERNING CHANGE. SANCHEZ

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